

# Caribbean Celebration and COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Saturday

Wheeler Clinic and the West Indian Social Club of Hartford will be hosting a Caribbean Heritage Month Celebration and COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic this Saturday, June 12. The event will be held from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm at Wheeler's Family Health & Wellness Center, 43 Woodland Street, Hartford. Vaccines will be available at no charge to anyone age 12 and older. While Connecticut has one of the highest vaccination rates in the nation, Hartford is still lagging behind with only about 40 percent of city residents vaccinated (see story below). Entertainment will be provided by DJ Pasion. Free admission; all our welcome.

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## City's Vaccination Rate Remains Low

BY ANDY HART

The lead float in the motorcade organized by the CT Institute for Community Development (CICD) Puerto Rican Parade last week bore the message, "Somos Hartford Contra el COVID-19" (We are Hartford against COVID-19). The CIDC is one of many groups – including the State of Connecticut, City of Hartford, local hospitals, clinics, community organizations and churches – that have been working to get city residents vaccinated against COVID-19, but Hartford still has one of the lowest vaccination rates in the state. The vaccine is free, no health insurance is required and no appointments are necessary at many vaccination sites. The City of Hartford will even give you a free ride to and from a vaccination site if you have no means of transportation. And yet still over half of city residents have yet to take the one step that will finally lead us out of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As of last Thursday, only 40% of city residents had received at least one dose of the vaccine, according to the Connecticut Department of Public Health. This is significantly lower than in the city's surrounding towns.

| Town .....        | Vaccines Given ..... | Percent |
|-------------------|----------------------|---------|
| HARTFORD ...      | 48,498.....          | 40%     |
| Bloomfield.....   | 13,318.....          | 63%     |
| East Hartford ... | 27,043.....          | 54%     |
| West Hartford ... | 45,636.....          | 72%     |
| Wethersfield..... | 17,919.....          | 69%     |
| Windsor.....      | 18,039.....          | 63%     |

However, like Hartford, most other Connecticut cities have yet to vaccinate more than half of their residents, including Bridgeport (43%); New Britain (43%); New Haven (48%), New London (48%); and Waterbury (43%).

The good news is that after months of experience, vaccine providers have made the process easier to get than ever. To get started, call the State of Connecticut's bilingual (English/Spanish) appointment line at 877-918-2224 or go to the website: <https://portal.ct.gov/Vaccine-Portal>.

Numerous healthcare providers in Hartford are now offering the vaccine. In addition, vaccines are also being offered at many community events, such as the Caribbean Heritage Month Celebration at Wheeler Clinic (see top of this page).

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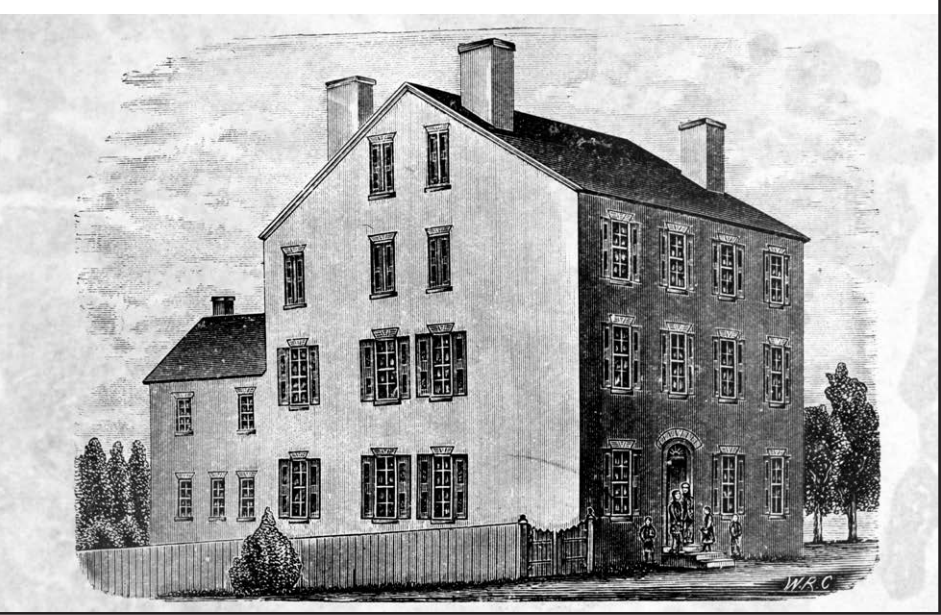
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## Puerto Rican Pride at Parkville Market

The Puerto Rican Parade was scaled back to a motorcade this year due to concerns over the COVID-19 pandemic, but the spirit was certainly not lacking as people waving the Puerto Rican flag stood at several points along the lengthy motorcade route through the streets of Hartford. Following the motorcade, the celebration continued with a live concert at Parkville Market on Park Street. Among the many people who got off their seats to show off their Salsa dancing skills were Edard Adorno and his wife Damaris. The parade's organizers, the Connecticut Institute for Community Development (CICD) have been hosting several community events this year and plan on having a full scale parade in 2022. (Hart photo)

## Hartford...Once Upon a Time



The American School for the Deaf (ASD), founded in Hartford in 1817, was the first school for the hearing impaired in America. This drawing shows the school's second location in Hartford on Prospect Street. In 1820, the school, known as the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb, moved to the top of Lord's Hill, which soon became known as Asylum Hill. ASD is now located in West Hartford. (Drawing courtesy of the Hartford History Center; Hartford Public Library)

## NEWS BRIEFS

### MARG Monthly Meeting TONIGHT

The Maple Avenue Revitalization Group (MARG) will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, June 10, at 6 pm in the lower level of Saint Augustine Church, 10 Campfield Avenue, Hartford. Mayor Luke Bronin and a representative from the Hartford Parking Authority will be the main speakers. Those attending the meeting must wear masks and practice social distancing. For more information, call Hyacinth Yennie at 860-296-5543.

### Block Party at Pope Park Saturday

The City of Hartford Department of Families, Children, Youth and Recreation will host a Block Party on Saturday, June 12, from 12 - 2 pm at Pope Park. There will be free hot dogs and ice cream, inflatables, games and crafts, give-aways and raffles. There will also be a COVID-19 vaccination site, no appointment necessary and information booths staffed by community organizations. Free; all welcome.

### Food Drive Saturday

A food drive will be held at the Unitarian Society of Hartford Church, 50 Bloomfield Ave, Hartford, on Saturday, June 12 from 10 am – 2 pm. Drop off will be drive thru and socially distant so you can pull up, drop your food donations in the designated areas and let volunteers handle the rest.

### Party on Pratt Saturday

The Hartford Business Improvement District (BID) will host the Pratt Street Party this Saturday, June 12, from 12 - 5 pm. There will live music from the group Canyon from 12-1 pm and DJ Sonia Sol will spin tracks from 1-4 pm. There will also a fashion show hosted by Stackpole's, food and drink specials and a vaccine clinic.

### Juneteenth Family Day at the Wadsworth this Saturday

The Amistad Center for Art & Culture and the Wadsworth Atheneum, 600 Main Street, Downtown Hartford, will

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Hartford Athletic’s Portuguese Heritage Night is a Hit!

On Saturday, June 5, the Portuguese Club of Hartford and Hartford Athletic soccer team teamed up to present Portuguese Heritage night at Dillon Stadium. Greater Hartford’s Portuguese-American community responded in a big way as over 5,000 people crowded into the stadium to watch Hartford thrash the New York Red Bulls, 7-0. A portion of the proceeds from tickets sold through the club were donated back to it. A win-win-win situation all around. (Hart photo)

MDC Incinerator Violations

What’s worse – the pollution or the lack of transparency?

COMMENTARY BY DONNA SWARR

On June 2nd, the Environmental Protection Agency filed notice of a consent decree with the Metropolitan District Commission resolving a dispute that has simmered since 2016. In that year, the EPA issued stricter emission requirements for new sewage sludge incinerators, and claimed modification made to its existing incinerators triggered the more stringent requirements. The MDC disagreed and its units did not meet the new requirements. They included: “failing to submit required control and monitoring plans, conduct annual performance tests that comply with the Clean Air Act regulations, and achieve continuous compliance with operating parameter limits and air pollution emission limits from its units.” The fine is \$298,000, and they will be required to install and operate additional monitoring equipment and meet the CAA standards for modified SSIs.

Why did this take five years to resolve? According to the complaint, the EPA issued to MDC and the State of Connecticut a Notice of Violation in 2017. It also issued MDC the Testing and Reporting Requirement in 2019, to which MDC submitted a partial response and asked for a 30-day extension. The MDC’s response to the Testing and Reporting requirement confirmed that the incinerators were subject to the new source standards. Since 2019, the EPA claims to have communicated several times.

I asked Hartford City Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez for her thoughts about this, and she said “We just want the MDC to follow the law. But, since Bill DiBella, the chairman of the MDC, cannot seem to follow the law, like paying an \$800,000 fine to the federal government for securities fraud, this is what happens. And this must be the leadership that Mayor Bronin wants for the MDC because in five years he has not sought to replace Mr. DiBella.”

Many people are not aware that MDC has several incinerators in the South Meadows. In the fall 2016 issue of the New England Water Environment

Association Journal, Thomas Tyler wrote that the MDC’s “Hartford water pollution control facility uses incineration to manage its solids. The facility operates three multiple hearth incinerators that include air pollution control devices. Approximately 100 dry tons of solids are processed each day. The solids come from treating wastewater that flows directly to Hartford, solids pumped from two other MDC facilities, solids trucked from another facility, solids trucked from non-MDC facilities, including others in the region, permitted commercial and industrial sources, and septage from residential sources not served by public sewers.”

Since 2017 MDC has been aware that they are not in compliance with the EPA Standards of Performance for New Sewage Sludge Incineration Units, and those of us that live in Hartford have been exposed to higher levels of emissions than allowable. The fine is of no consequence to Hartford residents. Our health is being impacted, and will be impacted until April, 2022 when MDC will be required to be in compliance with the stricter standards. Write or call the City Council members and let them know how you feel about this. Don’t let this egregious negligence go unaccounted for.

To our readers:

In last week’s front-page article, “First Step on the Path to “Justice for Pidgie”, a quote from Mary-Ann Tirone Smith, author of “Girls of Tender Age”, was mistakenly omitted. It appears below.

"The Justice who wrote the decision used pompous, ludicrous legalese. His argument was that the literal rule is what the law says, instead of what the law was intended to mean by the lawmakers who wrote it. Over the coming years, that argument has come to be disdained, disrespected, and dismissed."



# Politically Speaking

A Fresh Look at Issues Facing our Region & State

BY MIKE MCGARRY

Seisiúns Return to Hartford!

An Irish music *seisiún* (session) is a marvelous experience. It’s a very informal gathering of players and fans of tradition Irish music (often known as “Trad”).

For about 20 years, there were seisiúns held on an almost weekly basis at various watering holes in Downtown Hartford. The *seisiúns* petered out a few years ago due to various complications and all was silent on the traditional Irish music front.

Well, that’s going to change!

Starting Monday, June 14, from 6:30-8:30 pm, Jeanne Freeman will lead a *seisiún* at the Parkville Market, 1400 Park Street. The *seisiúns* at Parkville Market will be held the second and fourth Mondays of the month.

On opening night next Monday, Jeanne will lead a terrific line-up of local talent: our friends Claudine Langille, John Tabb and Joe Heeran...all who used to play at the *seisiúns* organized by the late, great P.V. O’Donell so many years ago.

P.V., as you may know, started a wave of appreciation for Celtic music in Connecticut in the mid-1990s. After he passed, Jeanne and Danny Ringrose and many others kept up the tradition of playing, teaching and promoting traditional Irish music.

Parkville Market promises to be a great spot to get the *seisiúns* going again and renew the fellowship and good times so many of us remember. On the first night, we’ll drink a

toast to the great P.V. and share remembrances and stories.

More big news comes out of the second installment in the series on June 28 with Joanie Madden of the famed group “Cherish the Ladies” performing live. An international star, Joanie knew P.V. well and Jeanne’s achievement in bringing her to the Hartford *seisiún* is quite a coup!

During “Irish Week” in



Joanie Madden of the famed Irish music group group “Cherish the Ladies” will be performing live at Parkville Market on June 28.

Downtown Hartford this past March, Ox Gara, a faithful fan of the *seisiúns*, said, “An ongoing *seisiún* builds a family, encourages young and old, and opens opportunities and partnerships.” Well said, Ox! And if this series at Parkville Market grows and grows, we’ll experience all that all over again.

Irish *seisiúns* at Parkville Market are sponsored by Hartford Blooms/KofC with proceeds from its garden tours and additional financial support from the Richard P. Garmany Fund, administered through the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving.

Portions of the series (and this year’s Irish week) will be available worldwide as “Irish Trad Hartford” on YouTube. Tell your friends in Ireland!



A Vaccine...and a \$1,000 Scholarship

On Wednesday, June 2, Community Health Center, Inc. (CHC) administered its 500,000th dose of COVID-19 vaccine at it Pediatric Center on New Britain Avenue in Hartford. Michael Vargas-Nazario (front, center), a resident of Hillside Avenue in Hartford and a student at Two Rivers Magnet School in East Hartford, was selected to receive the milestone vaccination. CHC Nurse Manager Susan Bissonette (left) administered the dose while Timothy Sullivan, Superintendent of Schools for the Capital Region Education Council (CREC) and Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz look on. In addition to his vaccine, Michael also received a \$1,000 scholarship from CHC. “It will be today’s students who will remember this pandemic and lead us in the future if another crisis comes along,” said Mark Masselli, Founder and CEO of CHC. (Hart photo)

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### The Hartford Decide\$ vote is open!

Hartford Decide\$ is a program in which city residents themselves propose and vote on projects for funding through the City of Hartford. A total of \$40,000 in funding is available this year. The projects for this year have been submitted and now the voting is open. Projects range from sidewalk repairs to the Wallace Stevens Bridge on Asylum Avenue to the planting of trees at several Hartford Schools to the construction of a mobile DIY recycling trailer. Go to [www.hartforddecides.org](http://www.hartforddecides.org) and vote for your favorite projects. ANY Hartford resident 13 years of age and up can vote.

## Letters to the Editor

### The Hartford Party Seeks Board Of Education Candidates

The City of Hartford has a nine member Board of Education. Under the current City Charter – which is being reviewed as we speak – five members of the Board are appointed by the Mayor. The other four members of the Board are elected by the voters of Hartford every four years. The election for these four Board members will be this November. Up to three candidates can be endorsed by a political party.

In recent election cycles, the Board of Education election generates very little interest; the last election in 2017 saw only a couple of thousand persons vote; this is a City of 124,000 with over 19,000 students in the school system.

The Hartford Party, newly created in the last election for Mayor and City Council, sees opportunity for advancing our City with this Board election. The Board of Education sets policy for the Hartford Schools and hires the Superintendent.

Since the Sheff case was decided by the State Supreme Court in 1996, and the decision was made by the State of Connecticut to satisfy the Sheff ruling by creating magnet schools, Hartford has seen its student enrollment decline year over year from about 24,000 students to the present 19,000. Clearly, no one is moving into Hartford to send their kids to our schools.

Hartford’s neighborhood community schools have suffered the most. The Hartford Party is committed to addressing these issues and has developed a platform which seeks change and champions to enact it. The Hartford Party seeks candidates who:

- have high expectations for Hartford students.
- will give teachers greater authority in the classroom.
- will give principals greater management and authority over their staffs and buildings.
- will help schools reconnect with the neighborhoods in which they sit by, among other things, opening school buildings up to community recreation and other uses.
- will understand that educational management is different from corporate management.
- want our children to know and love Hartford, and will work towards such a curriculum.
- want our children to have the SAME opportunities as their suburban counterparts in sports, arts, music, and extra-curricular activities.
- will support a living wage for all Board employees.

Serving on a Board of Education is difficult work. The hours can be long and the position is not paid. However, you can reap tremendous rewards for yourself and our community. If you have an interest, get involved. The Hartford Party is here to help make our City a better place to live for everyone one of our residents. If you or anyone you know is interested in serving on the Hartford Board of Education, contact [hartfordparty@gmail.com](mailto:hartfordparty@gmail.com). And, if you cannot run for office yourself, support good candidates this fall and let your elected leaders - the Mayor and City Council - know that you are concerned.

John Q. Gale, Chair  
The Hartford Party

### New Initiative Increases Summer Options for City Youths

The City of Hartford Department of Families, Children, Youth and Recreation and Hartford Public Schools have launched Summer UNITY 2021, a new initiative designed to give Hartford children the widest array of choices possible for their most enjoyable, educational and productive summer ever. Because every child has different needs and interests, programs and activities range from internships and employment opportunities, sports, school-based learning to a wide variety of enrichment programs, such as field trips. To increase those choices even further, organizations that serve Hartford youth are being encouraged to become part of the Hartford Summer UNITY movement by applying for grants through the initiative. To find out more and how to apply for a grant, go to the website <http://hartfordsummerunity.com>.

# Brainard Airport Turns 100!

## But City Council wants to blow out the candles

BY TOM SWARR

Created in 1921, Brainard was the first municipal airport in the country. Rather than celebrating its Centennial, however, City Council is considering a resolution urging closure of the facility and returning the land to Hartford for economic development. At a spirited hearing before the Planning, Economic Development, and Housing (PEDH) Committee, consideration of the resolution was postponed until the July meeting in order to allow missing interested parties the opportunity to comment. In particular, the CT Airport Authority (CAA) had not been contacted and is the party that would have to file with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and justify any request to close Brainard.

Hartford owned the airport up until the 1950’s, when the development of the then-named Bradley Field airport resulted in commercial flights moving out of Brainard. The state legislature approved closure in 1955 to make way for economic development, but the deal collapsed. Hartford’s city council voted to close the airport, again for a development proposal, but was blocked when an aviation interest group obtained a court injunction. The state and the city eventually negotiated a deal to preserve the airport under state ownership, while selling 150 acres for private industrial development.

Another attempt was made to close the airport in the 1980’s. The legislature mandated a study of the airport and other uses, and a 1989 report by KPMG concluded the “highest and best use” was as an airport. In 2006, the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) unsuccessfully sought state funding for a study of a “River Vision,” which included a marina, 3 million square feet of mixed-use development, and 1,000+ residential units. Yet another study of the airport was conducted in 2016 by the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee of the CT General Assembly, and again recommended the site remain as an operating airport. The report did highlight the need to take steps to maximize the airport’s value and warned that uncertainty over its future would hinder investment in the airport.

Hartford’s updated plan of conservation and development (POCD) highlights South Meadows as one of ten transformative projects, calling for the “revitalization of prime riverfront land, encompassing the Regional Market and Brainard Airport, for its highest and best use, while reconnecting people to the river with trails and infrastructure improvements.” But exactly who determines what is the highest and best use?

CAA is obligated to evaluate airports in terms of their contribution to civil aviation. FAA guidelines explicitly exclude recovering land for economic development as a justification for closing an airport. The POCD highlights the importance of expanding commercial flight connections at Bradley Airport. How would the closure of Brainard impact Bradley expansion plans?

Ignoring challenges to closing the airport, megaprojects like the River



July 20, 1927: Charles Lindbergh parading through Hartford shortly after landing "The Spirit of St. Louis" at Brainard Field to a crowd of over 25,000. The road alongside the airport was named Lindbergh Drive in his honor.

Vision depend on massive public subsidies. A comparable 200-acre site in Baltimore, the Port Covington Project with 500 apartments and 500,000 square feet of offices and retail, finally started construction after receiving \$660 million in public funding. What’s in your wallet?

A yet unexplored alternative would be to invest in South Meadows to increase the value of the airport and attract higher-value manufacturing jobs. The Hartford Redevelopment Agency (HRA) hired a consultant in 2018 to conduct a preliminary redevelopment area feasibility study of the South Meadows. It would seem prudent to consider the results of that study and the role of HRA in planning the future of the area.

Where is the voice of the community in deciding higher and best use? Which do you think would benefit Hartford residents most—a riverfront marina, an airport, good paying jobs? Proposed redevelopment in South Meadows should be subjected to an open and transparent process to

ensure past environmental injustices are not repeated.

The PEDH July meeting is on Wednesday, July 7 at 5:30. Let the Council hear your vision for South Meadows.

### CITY POOLS

#### COLT PARK

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12 - 6 pm (August)

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The Hartford Commits Another \$1 Million to Asylum Hill

With one of Asylum Hill’s most impressive buildings as a backdrop, Christopher Swift, Chairman and CEO of The Hartford, announced that his company is providing a \$1 million grant to the Northside Institutions Neighborhood Alliance (NINA) to promote homeownership opportunities. The grant is in addition to the \$10 million The Hartford committed to improving the Asylum Hill neighborhood, where it has been headquartered for over 100 years.

The announcement was made last Friday, June 4, in front of the

Plimpton House, built in 1865 on Asylum Avenue just east of Sigourney Street. NINA recently acquired the home and is planning to turn it into three residential units. Founded in 2004, NINA first came to prominence in the summer of that year when it transported a three-story Victorian home from Hawthorn Street to Ashley Street.

Since then the organization has acquired, renovated and sold dozens of historic homes in Asylum Hill. In more recent years it has also started building new homes which are designed to fit in with the his-

toric character of the neighborhood. However, restoring historic homes and building new ones in the Asylum Hill style is expensive. Without additional funding, NINA would have to sell the homes for prices that are beyond the budget of most city residents, including those who live in Asylum Hill.

That’s where the \$1 million grant from The Hartford comes in. Combined with previously secured funding from the Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) and the State of Connecticut Home Rehabilitation Tax Credits, it will allow NINA to sell the homes it renovates and builds at a price level low and moderate income families can afford.

For more information on NINA homeownership opportunities, go to: <http://ninahartford.org/>



Ken Johnson, Executive Director of the Northside Institutions Neighborhood Alliance discusses how his organization will benefit from a \$1 million homeownership grant for Asylum Hill from The Hartford. The grant is in addition to the \$10 million committed to the Asylum Hill neighborhood last year. At left is Christopher Swift, Chairman and CEO of The Hartford; Mayor Luke Bronin is at right. (Hart photo)



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Night Fall 2021 Auditions


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Conceived and managed by Hartford artist Anne Cubberly, Night Fall is held every Fall and has become one of Hartford’s signature events. The show features singing, dancing and, of course, Cubberly’s famous giant puppets.

Audition Schedule

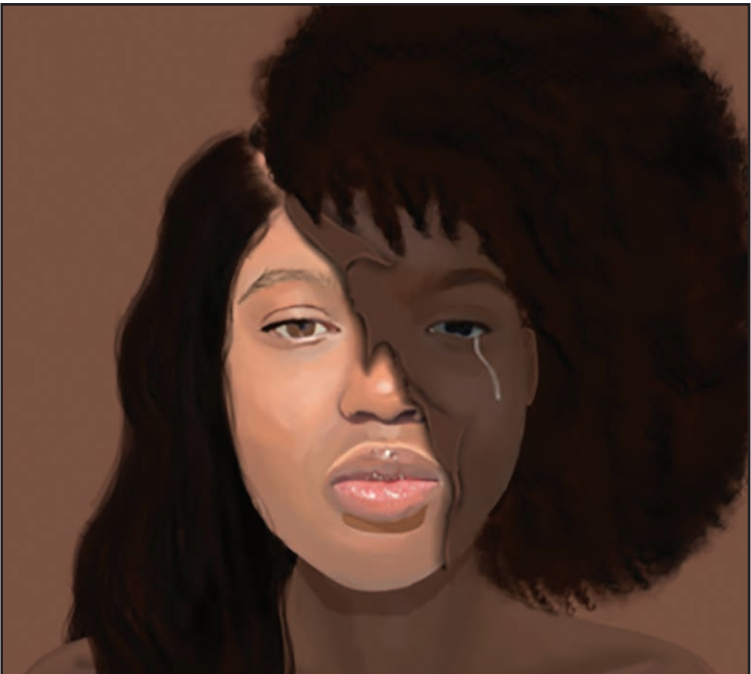
- Monday, June 14, 6-8 pm: The 224 EcoSpace, 224 Farmington Avenue
  - Friday, June 18, 6-8 pm: FREE Center, 460 New Britain Avenue
  - Saturday, June 26, 10 am - 12 noon: Heaven Skate Park, Main & Chapel Streets, Downtown Hartford
  - Sunday, June 27, 1-3 pm: Keney Park, Woodland Section, use parking area off Ridgefield Street
- For more information on Night Fall, go to [NightFallHartford.org](http://NightFallHartford.org).

Hartford Parks Have It!  
Check below for what amenities each park has to offer.

|  | Annie Fisher School | Bushnell Park | Charter Oak Landing | Colt Park | Columbus Park | Cronin Park | Elizabeth Park | Forster | George Day Park | Goodwin Park | Hudson Street | Hyland Park | Keney North | Keney Waverly | Keney Woodland | Lozada Park | Pope Park | Quirk School | RiverFront Plaza | Riverside Park | Rocky Ridge Park | Sigourney Square | Willie Ware Rec Center |
|--|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|-----------|---------------|-------------|----------------|---------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Baseball Fields  | ●                   |               |                     | ●         | ●             |             | ●              |         |                 | ●            |               |             |             |               |                |             | ●         | ●            |                  | ●              |                  |                  |                        |
| Basketball Courts  |                     |               |                     | ●         |               | ●           | ●              | ●       | ●               | ●            | ●             | ●           | ●           | ●             | ●              | ●           | ●         |              |                  |                |                  | ●                | ●                      |
| Boat Launch  |                     |               | ●                   |           |               |             |                |         |                 |              |               |             |             |               |                |             |           |              | ●                | ●              |                  |                  |                        |
| Carousel   |                     | ●             |                     |           |               |             |                |         |                 |              |               |             |             |               |                |             |           |              |                  |                |                  |                  |                        |
| Cricket Fields   |                     |               |                     |           |               |             |                |         |                 |              |               |             | ●           |               |                |             |           |              |                  | ●              |                  |                  |                        |
| Driving Range (FREE)   |                     |               |                     |           |               |             |                |         |                 | ●            |               |             | ●           |               |                |             |           |              |                  |                |                  |                  |                        |
| Putting Greens (FREE)  |                     |               |                     |           |               |             |                |         |                 | ●            |               |             | ●           |               |                |             |           |              |                  |                |                  |                  |                        |
| Fishing  |                     |               | ●                   |           |               |             |                |         |                 | ●            |               |             |             |               | ●              |             |           |              | ●                | ●              |                  |                  |                        |
| Football Fields  | ●                   |               |                     | ●         |               | ●           |                |         |                 |              | ●             |             |             |               |                |             |           |              |                  | ●              | ●                |                  |                        |
| Game Tables  |                     | ●             |                     |           |               |             |                |         | ●               |              |               |             |             |               |                |             | ●         |              |                  |                |                  |                  |                        |
| Gazebo   |                     |               | ●                   | ●         |               |             | ●              |         |                 | ●            |               |             |             |               |                |             |           |              |                  |                |                  |                  |                        |
| Grills*  |                     |               | ●                   |           |               |             |                |         |                 |              |               |             |             |               |                |             |           |              |                  | ●              |                  |                  |                        |
| Handball/Racket Ball   |                     |               |                     | ●         |               |             |                |         |                 |              |               |             |             |               |                |             |           |              |                  |                |                  |                  |                        |
| Lawn Bowling   |                     |               |                     |           |               |             | ●              |         |                 |              |               |             |             |               |                |             |           |              |                  |                |                  |                  |                        |
| Little League Field  |                     |               |                     |           |               |             | ●              |         |                 |              |               | ●           |             | ●             |                |             |           |              |                  |                |                  |                  |                        |
| Outdoor Exercise Equip.  |                     |               |                     | ●         |               |             |                |         |                 | ●            |               |             |             |               |                |             |           |              |                  |                |                  |                  |                        |
| Picnic Area  |                     | ●             | ●                   | ●         | ●             |             | ●              |         | ●               | ●            |               |             |             | ●             | ●              |             | ●         |              |                  | ●              |                  |                  |                        |
| Outdoor Pools  |                     |               |                     | ●         |               |             |                |         |                 | ●            |               |             |             |               | ●              |             | ●         |              |                  |                |                  |                  |                        |
| Playscapes/Playgrounds   |                     | ●             | ●                   | ●         | ●             | ●           | ●              | ●       |                 | ●            | ●             | ●           |             | ●             | ●              |             | ●         |              |                  | ●              | ●                | ●                |                        |
| Pond House   |                     | ●             |                     |           |               |             | ●              |         |                 | ●            |               |             |             |               | ●              |             |           |              |                  | ●              |                  |                  |                        |
| Pony Field   |                     | ●             |                     |           |               |             | ●              |         |                 |              |               |             |             | ●             |                |             |           |              |                  |                |                  |                  |                        |
| Skateboard**   |                     |               |                     |           |               |             |                |         |                 |              |               |             |             |               |                |             |           |              |                  |                |                  |                  |                        |
| Soccer Fields  | ●                   |               |                     | ●         | ●             | ●           |                |         |                 | ●            |               | ●           |             |               |                |             | ●         | ●            |                  |                |                  |                  |                        |
| Softball Fields  |                     |               |                     | ●         |               |             | ●              |         |                 |              | ●             |             |             |               |                |             |           |              |                  |                | ●                |                  |                        |
| Splash Pads  |                     |               |                     | ●         | ●             |             |                |         | ●               | ●            | ●             |             |             | ●             | ●              |             | ●         |              |                  |                | ●                | ●                | ●                      |
| Tball Field  |                     |               |                     |           |               |             | ●              |         |                 |              |               | ●           |             | ●             | ●              | ●           | ●         |              |                  |                |                  |                  |                        |
| Tennis Courts  |                     |               |                     |           |               |             | ●              |         | ●               |              |               |             |             |               |                |             | ●         |              |                  |                |                  |                  |                        |
| Volleyball Courts  |                     |               |                     |           |               |             |                |         |                 |              |               |             |             |               |                |             |           |              |                  | ●              |                  |                  |                        |
| Walking Trails/Path  |                     |               | ●                   |           |               |             |                |         |                 | ●            |               |             | ●           | ●             | ●              |             |           |              | ●                | ●              |                  |                  |                        |

\* Park grills are the only grills to be used in the parks; no personal grills are allowed.  
\*\* Skateboarding is available at Heaven Skate Park in Downtown Hartford (corner of Main & Chapel Streets)  
\*\*\* Splash Pads run down to dusk.





City Student Wins Art Contest

On Wednesday, June 2, Congressman John B. Larson announced that Lynn Blot of Hartford was the 2021 winner of the First Congressional District Art Competition. 44 students participated in this year’s competition, which is open to high school students in Connecticut’s First District. Blot, who attends Wethersfield High School, was selected as the winnerfor her piece, Unnatural Change. The Congressional Art Competition was created in 1982 to allow members of Congress the opportunity to recognize and encourage the artistic talents of the youth in their communities. Since its creation, over 650,000 students nationwide have participated in the competition.

Father’s Day Bike Ride in Keney Park

Pastor A.J. Johnson, the Friends of Keney Park and BiCi Co. Community Bike Shop - Center for Latino Progress are looking for 100 fathers to join the Capital City Father's Day bike ride in Hartford’s hidden treasure, Keney Park. The event will be held on Father’s Day weekend, Saturday, June 19, from 8:30am-10:30am and will start and end at the Woodland Street entrance to the park. There will be a very short mini-ride with the little ones, followed by a 4-5 mile out-and-back ride in Keney Park. To register, go to: centerlatino.wufoo.com/forms/ sat-june-19-keney-park-fathers-and-family-ride. For more information, contact: Pastor AJ Johnson at 860-205-1280 or Tony Cherolis at 860-269-0004.

City Resumes Street Reconstruction

Starting this month, the City of Hartford’s Department of Public Works will resume regular repair work on numerous City streets consisting of milling, paving, and in some select locations full-depth reconstruction.

The streets chosen (see below) were prioritized due to poor road conditions and proximity to schools, community centers and other public facilities. Due to unforeseen utility conflicts in 2020, the City had to delay paving on some of the identified streets. This delay was necessary to avoid patches in a newly built streets.

Groupings, schedule and length of the project area will varying depending upon underlying road

condition, weather conditions, traffic conditions, and coordination with utility companies regarding their repair schedules. On some streets, repaving will not occur for the entire length of the street.

Work will begin at 7:00 AM (M – F) and will finish around 5:00 PM. If you are within the active work zone limits and park your car in your driveway at night, please be sure to move it prior to the 7:00 AM start time, so you don’t get blocked by the construction. If up you are interested in more information, call the City Help Line at 311.

Repair work will occur on the following streets:

|                     |                |                     |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Adelaide St         | Euclid St West | Melrose St          |
| Allendale Rd        | F D Oates Ave  | Myrtle St           |
| Allyn St            | Flatbush Ave   | Otis St             |
| Boothbay St         | Forster St     | Pershing St         |
| Brookfield St       | Fraser Place   | Rosemont St         |
| Burlington St       | George St      | Rutland St          |
| Bushnell St         | Groton St      | Sigourney St        |
| Cambridge St        | Hanmer St      | Sumner St           |
| Church St           | Harold St      | Thomaston St        |
| Cleveland Ave       | Huntington St  | Vineland Terr       |
| Cornell St          | Judson St      | Warren St           |
| Cowles St           | Kent St        | Waverly St          |
| Deerfield Ave       | Lenox St       | West Morningside St |
| East Burnham St     | Linnmoore St   | Windsor St          |
| East Euclid St      | Loomis St      | Woodland St         |
| East Harold St      | Masseek St     |                     |
| East Morningside St | May St         |                     |

No More Factory-Made Food for Me

COMMENTARY BY BILL KATZ

One lasting habit that I hope remains with us all is the learned (or relearned) enjoyment of kitchen cooking during COVID-19. What else was there to do besides staying safe and working remotely and Zooming all day long.

Truly, I have never been remiss with cooking my own food instead of buying ready-to-eat meals. Does anyone remember TV Dinners? How bad could it get? You popped a frozen TV dinner into that new invention, the microwave, then opened a fold-out metal table in front of the TV with rabbit ears on top to watch *My Three Sons* or *Bonanza* or *Gunsmoke*. Ok, I’m dating myself but you get the picture; eating factory food (my name for pre-made company goulash.)

I can’t recall when I last bought a pizza. No way Jose. Sure, First and Last Pizza makes a pretty good pie for \$15.00. Mine cost about a dollar or less including the amount of flour, yeast, crushed tomatoes in a can (centos being my favorite), and whatever fixing I want on top.

Some of my food products are purchased at Aldi’s. I always want to know the place of origin of consumable food purchases. I’m not xenophobic but I don’t buy food products made in China. This has nothing to do with our illustrious former Divider-in-Chief, Trumpo the Magnificent. No, it dates to when ingredients imported from China killed an estimated 4,000 domestic pets in this country from a tainted ingredient. And I have sufficiently read other first rate journalistic stories about unsanitary conditions to compel me to place a total personal ban. I asked Congressman Larson to sponsor legislation on requiring places of origin on all food products but the response was that all meats already have this designation. They didn’t answer my question.

When I’m food shopping, if I don’t read the place of origin, I readily assume it is a Chinese import and I’m more than likely correct. For instance, I delighted for

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Parade First, Pandemonium Later?

There needs to be a better way to celebrate ethnic culture and history

COMMENTARY BY ANNE GOSHDIGIAN

I love a parade. As a child growing up in Hartford, I looked forward to the annual string of uniformed marching bands and fife & drum corps, baton twirlers, floats, and dignitaries waving from 1950s-1960s era convertibles that came down Main Street. Just like the July 4th fireworks in Pope Park, the parades drew people from all over the city. They stood on the sidewalks cheering and applauding—the little ones hoisted up on parental shoulders for a better view—while vendors hawking balloons, tin horns, and American flags made their way close to the curb along the route. Parade season started in April when the city’s Little League teams stepped off, followed by the Memorial Day celebration. When I was in the HPHS band our group marched in that one, sweltering in our heavyweight wool uniforms under balmy skies. In late August, the downtown merchants (and there were a lot of them!) hosted the Back-to-School parade, a savvy marketing tactic. All the stores featured big sales on kids clothes that day; the parade brought them downtown and after, the bargains lured them in to shop. Veteran’s Day in November capped it off as hundreds of vets

stretching all the way back to the Spanish-American War (Yeah, I’m that old) dusted off their uniforms, and those who could stood tall and proud as they passed by. All of those family-oriented celebrations and recognitions have been gone from Hartford for years now.

After I moved to Wethersfield Avenue in 2013, the street was alive one June day with the sound of music that drew me to my front windows. I looked down. A parade was passing by! All the elements were there: Dozens of gorgeously decorated floats carrying lovely young women in gowns and costumes. Dance troupes doing their thing. Musicians playing the lively and enchanting traditional music of the Caribbean. It was perfect. I went down to the street to get a better view. There under a clear and sunny sky, I thought “This is the greatest!” as I waved and applauded the beauty and pageantry of the Puerto Rican Day parade, and felt so lucky that all of this was going on right outside my door.

Fast forward to last Saturday. This year’s parade

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CELEBRATE CARIBBEAN HERITAGE MONTH, AND GET YOUR VACCINE, TOO!

Saturday, June 12, 9am – 1pm



COVID-19 vaccines offered to people ages 12+. Refreshments provided, plus entertainment by DJ Pasion.



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Hartford, CT 06105

Services in English and Spanish.

WheelerHealth.org/CRUSHCovid

This event is made possible through a partnership between Wheeler and the West Indian Social Club of Hartford, and the following community supporters, including: African Caribbean American Parents of Children with Disabilities (AFCAMP); Caribbean American Dance Company; Caribbean Cultural Heritage Alliance; City of Hartford Office of Equity and Opportunity, Director Karen Taylor; City of Hartford, Office of Community Engagement, Director Janice Castle; and City of Hartford, Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermúdez and Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon.

A sliding fee scale is available based on family size and income. No patient will be denied health care services due to an individual's inability to pay. Funding is provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Improvements to the Family Health & Wellness Center are supported in part by the State of Connecticut Nonprofit Grant Program, the Connecticut Health & Educational Facilities Authority, the Maximilien E. and Marion O. Hoffman Foundation, and the Ensworth Charitable Foundation. Additional support is provided by Delta Dental of New Jersey Foundation. Wheeler is a Health Center program grantee under 42 U.S.C. 254b and a deemed Public Health Service employee under 42 U.S.C. 233 (g)-(i).



No More Factory-Made Food

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awhile buying 28 oz crushed tomatoes from Aldi’s for a new low price of 65 cents? How could that be? The label said “Happy Farms.” Happy Farms my ass. With a little investigation, the company was found to be an LTD out of Hong Kong. Nope, no Happy Farms for me. (I did call Centos Brand to ask where their regular tomatos came from. California was their answer.) More recently, I needed relish to put on my chicken sausage. (I don’t eat red meat. I like cows and pigs and I don’t usually eat creatures I like.) But there was no place of origin. So I read the ingredient label and bought a cucumber and mixed the expected ingredients at home to make my own relish.

I know, you think I’m crazy now, right? But of course I am. Because right after my relish was made, I ran

out of mustard. Again, no place of origin at Aldi’s. So I bought mustard seed and mustard power and read an online recipe and, man alive, I made the best mustard I’ve ever tasted. White vinegar, btw, is the often used ingredient.

I’m now saving the best story for last. As some of you may know, I rescue cats. I feed homeless cats in my yard. I have 7 of these once homeless monsters running around my house. (My house doesn’t smell of cat because I clean often.) I work from my home so this isn’t so very difficult. My picture framing store was closed a long time ago and I operate it here in case anyone needs a picture framed. And my prices are very reasonable. (Yes, this is an infomercial if you haven’t already guessed.)

Since I believe in good nutrition for myself, this extends to my feline herd. I now make my own cat food.

It’s cheaper then even the raunchiest canned cat food. I source it 100% from Costco chicken thighs. I studied the necessary ingredients to include, bought a meat grinder, and now I make about 25 pounds at a time and freeze them in bell jars. By the way, ‘Catman Bill’s Super Cat Food’ is also for sale. (I’ll give you a sample to try out.) And if you prefer to make your own, I’ll be happy to show you the ropes. I hope to soon have a YouTube channel devoted to making cat food.

So git in the kitchen and cook. This is the way it was done before when people had more sense. My mother told me and retold the story of her cousin coming to her house on York Street and eating some tasty food being prepared on the stove. It happened to be food for the family dog. That incident was retold every Christmas holiday and everyone always got a huge chuckle over it.

COVID-19 Vaccination Rate Still Low in Hartford

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New England, are currently offering walk-up, no appointment vaccine clinics every single day at the Connecticut Convention Center and Monday through Friday at Parker Community Center.

**Parker Community Center**  
2621 Main Street, Hartford:

Monday – Friday, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

CT Convention Center

**100 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford:** Tuesday & Wednesday, 11:30 pm - 6:30 pm; Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday. 9 am – 4 pm.

The City of Hartford will provide

transportation to Coronavirus testing appointments to residents who meet the following criteria: no other means of transportation is available; a confirmed vaccine appointment at a facility in Hartford

Hartford residents who require transportation to a vaccine site should call 311 or (860) 757-9311, Monday to Friday, 8:00am - 5:00pm.

Anne Goshdigian Commentary

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had been announced as a scaled-back celebration that would be about honoring the essential workers, many of whom are members of the city’s Puerto Rican community; they deserve our gratitude. Four floats were to proceed down Park Street and through Frog Hollow; Wethersfield Avenue wasn’t on the route this year. About 1:30 p.m. I headed out toward the Silas Deane in Wethersfield. I turned south and about two blocks away police barriers blocked the Avenue. So I turned onto Annawan figuring I’d cut over to Franklin and go that way. But the traffic was backed up there and although I could see Franklin a block away, when I reached the side street on the right the cop stationed there would not let me pass and forced me to take a right. I ended up on Main, then to Maple and Jordan Lane. A couple of hours later headed home the parade was over and all was clear until another HPD blockade at Brown and Wethersfield, the street clogged with cars, bikes, and revelers. But I was prepared, license in hand, as residents had been told we could travel through and the signs read “Local Traffic Only”; that was me. I showed the harassed cop my ID but he just waved his arm in an angry gesture and yelled at me to turn onto Airport Road. More backed-up traffic. So I hung a left at Locust where a huge city truck was stationed. The driver yelled at me to

stop; I kept driving and turned onto Wawarme where an officer was standing in the middle of the road waving at me to stop. Out came the license again and I pleaded with him to let me go on. It was pitiful, but he finally waved my sweaty and frazzled self through.

My story was not unique as I later learned while scrolling through Facebook comments. Disruption was everywhere in the area and continued the next day. And many in the Puerto Rican community weren’t happy about it, especially after a video was posted of a woman on the roof of a car who’d pulled down her shorts and twerked in a thong with her butt hanging out. “This is not what we are about. This is not our culture.” That night, Franklin Avenue was utter chaos—totally out of control. Here’s the thing: Parades are great and showing ethnic pride is fine. But there’s a right way to do that and last weekend—no longer just a day—wasn’t it. I like where I live. So do my neighbors. I like the fact that we are a melting pot down here. We should all be able to get along and a big part of that is courtesy and respect for each other as individuals, not based on racial or ethnic identity. No group has, or should ever have, a monopoly on the streets. Love thy neighbor.

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# View From The Parks

## We're BACK!

Go FB View From The Parks for event details. [facebook.com/view](https://facebook.com/view)

**THU, JUN 10 AT 5:30 PM**  
RiverZumba: Riverfront Recapture - Mortensen Riverfront Plaza

**SAT, JUN 12 AT 9 AM - 5 PM**  
Car Show: Corner of Capitol Avenue and Hudson Street, \$5 admission. Proceeds benefit Autism Awareness.

**SAT, JUN 12 AT 9 AM**  
Aviation Maintenance Training School Open House: Connecticut Technical Education and Career System, CT Aero Tech, 500 Lindbergh Drive (Brainard Airport).

**THU, JUN 10 AT 5:30 PM**  
Picnic in the Park, Red Rock Tavern & Sonia Morant, Bushnell Park

**THU, JUN 10 AT 6 PM**  
Pratt Street Patio Presents: Sketch the Cataclysm: Pratt Street Historic District

**THU, JUN 10 AT 6 PM**  
RiverZumba: Riverfront Recapture - Mortensen Riverfront Plaza

**THU, JUN 10 AT 6 PM**  
Sunset Sounds Concert Series: Nat Reeves & Friends: Butler-McCook House & Garden

**THU, JUN 10 AT 7 PM**  
Music at the Market: Tim Palmieri of Kung Fu, Parkville Market

**FRI, JUN 11 AT 6 PM**  
Pratt Street Patio Presents: Anne:Gogh, Hartford.com - Pratt Street Historic District

**SAT, JUN 12 AT 9 AM**  
CFC Annual Aircraft Wash 'n Wax: Connecticut Flight Club - Hartford-Brainard Airport

**SAT, JUN 12 AT 10 AM**  
Provide with PRIDE! FOOD DRIVE!: Hartford Gay Men's Chorus - 50 Bloomfield Ave

**SAT, JUN 12 AT 11 AM**  
#NoFilter Yoga at the Brewery: Concentric Care CT, Thomas Hooker Brewery at Colt, 140 Huyshope Ave

**SAT, JUN 12 AT 12 PM**  
In The City For The City: Jorge Alonso Arango Carnero, Heaven Skate Park, Downtown Hartford

**SAT, JUN 12 AT 12 PM**  
Second Saturdays for Families: Juneteenth Family Day: Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art

**SAT, JUN 12 AT 12 PM**  
Pope Park Block Party: Pope Park Hwy

**SAT, JUN 12 AT 12 PM**  
Pratt Street Patio Presents: Canyon: Pratt Street Historic District

**SAT, JUN 12 AT 12 PM**  
Summer Kickoff Party on Pratt: Pratt Street

**SUN, JUN 13 AT 2 PM**  
HPDL Community fun day: Hartford Premier and Development League, 490 Granby St

**TUE, JUN 15 AT 12 PM**  
Summer Concert Series: Nekita Waller: Connecticut's Old State House - Connecticut's Old State House

**WED, JUN 16 AT 5:30 PM**  
Dinner and a Show | The Bushnell and Ray Gonzalez, Pratt Street



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host a Juneteenth-themed Family Day from 12-2 pm this Saturday, June 12. Juneteenth is a recognition of June 19, 1865, when the enslaved in Galveston, Texas first learned of their freedom, two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation. Festivities at the museum include:

- Art pack giveaway, 12 noon-2pm
- Free ice cream courtesy of the Ice Cream for a Dream truck, 12 noon-2pm (while supplies last)
- Sidewalk community art project
- Pop-up by Key Bookstore
- Interactive drum and dance performance by stilt walker Mellissa Craig and FriendZWorld Music, 12:30-2pm
- Juneteenth Celebration Stroll led by Mellissa Craig and friends, 1:30-2pm
- Storyteller Angel R. and her arts troupe 515United share African folktales in the Amistad Center gallery, 1pm

Keney Park Celebration June 19

Advocacy to Legacy, Inc. and the Friends of Keney Park will host “Celebrating Keney Park - Jewel of the City” on Saturday, June 19, from 10 am – 2 pm. The event, which will be held in the area of

the park near the Woodland Street entrance, will include fishing, arts and crafts, cricket clinic, bicycle giveaway and safety clinic, disk golf clinic, trail walking, food, nutrition and gardening and more. Health & Wellness organizations will be on hand to share information and offer services. We will also have give aways for attendees. For more information call, 860-930-2508, or email at advocacy2legacy@gmail.com.

Hartford NEXT Meeting June 17

The public is invited to attend the Hartford NEXT Annual (virtual) virtual meeting on Thursday, June 17, at 6 p.m. Featured keynote speaker will be Sbongile Magubane, Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles and former co-chair of Hartford NEXT. Registration required at www.hartfordnext.org.

City Juneteenth Celebration

The City of Hartford will host a Juneteenth Celebration entitled “Looking back. Building forward” from 3 - 5 pm on Saturday, June 19. The event will be held at the Black Lives Matter mural on Trinity Street in Downtown Hartford.

Black Civil War Veterans to be Honored June 19

The Ha Rambee Association will hold its 11th annual salute to the soldiers from the 29th Colored Infantry Regiment who served in the Civil War and are buried at Old North Cemetery, 1821 Main Street, Hartford. The event will begin with a brief procession from the American Legion Hall, 2121 Main Street to the cemetery. The ceremony will begin at 11 am. The public is welcome.

Women’s Wellness Day June 19

Hartford Hospital will host a Women’s Wellness Day from 8 am - 12 pm at the Women’s Ambulatory Health Service Center, 474 Hudson Street, Hartford. There will be on-site mammograms, screenings for breast and cervical cancer, clinical breast exams, education on breast self-exams, PAP smear and HPV testing. There will also be cholesterol screenings and assessments to determine those at risk for heart disease, stroke and other cardiovascular disease. Services will be administered free of charge for those who qualify. Pre-registration is required. To register and see if you qualify, call 860-972-3078.

Yoga at Kamora’s Corner June 22

Sara will lead a yoga session in the Garden of Kamora’s Cultural Center, 75 Sterling Street, Hartford on Tuesday, June 22, from 10 -11 am. Bring your own mask, water and yoga mat. Please call (860) 955-9488 or email nlangless@toivocenter.org with your name, number and email address to reserve your spot.

Keney Park Fishing Derby June 26

The Ha Rambee Association will

host a Fishing Derby for seniors and youth at the Keney Park Pond on Saturday, June 26. Please use the park entrance at the corner of Edgewood and Capen Streets. Registration is from 8 - 9 am; the derby itself starts at 9 am; prizes will be awarded at 1 pm. A limited supply of fishing rods will be available to those who don't have one.

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# El Informativo Latino

## “Ley de Jenifer” aprobada en la Casa Estatal en busca de aprobación del gobernador de Connecticut

Un proyecto de ley sobre violencia doméstica llamado "Ley de Jennifer" en honor a la madre desaparecida de New Canaan Jennifer Dulos ha sido aprobada en la Cámara de Representantes con una votación de 134 a 8.

La ley, que fue aprobada por el Senado el mes pasado con una votación de 35 a 1, amplía la definición de violencia doméstica en la ley estatal para incluir el "control coercitivo". Esto significa que los actos de amenaza, humillación o intimidación que dañan a una persona y la privan de su libertad podrían considerarse violencia doméstica, según las autoridades.

El proyecto de ley, SB 1091, establecería un nuevo programa para brindar representación legal a las víctimas de violencia doméstica que presenten órdenes de restricción. Aquellos que presenten órdenes de alejamiento también se enfrentarán a un proceso más eficiente, con la capacidad de enviar por correo electrónico a los marshals los formularios necesarios para entregarlos. Actualmente, los formularios deben entregarse personalmente en el juzgado.

Las víctimas de violencia doméstica también podrán testificar de forma remota en procedimientos judiciales para asuntos como órdenes de restricción, órdenes de protección u órdenes de protección penales estándar.

"Esta legislación salvará vidas, simple y llanamente. Los cambios en este proyecto de ley serán un salvavidas para más de un tercio de todas las mujeres de Connecticut que experimentarán alguna forma de violencia de pareja o acoso en su vida, resultado de años de aportes, experiencia y defensa para brindar a las víctimas las herramientas para dejar las relaciones abusivas y responsabilizar a sus abusadores", dijo la Senadora Mae Flexer en un comunicado.

El proyecto de ley también requeriría que se proporcione un lugar seguro a las víctimas de violencia familiar en todos los juzgados construidos después del 1 de julio de 2021.

El Sen. Alex Kasser, demócrata de New Canaan, que representa al distrito de Jennifer, lo llama una legislación innovadora contra la violencia doméstica con dos años de preparación y que no puede esperar más.

El 24 de mayo marcó dos años desde la desaparición de Dulos. Los investigadores creen que la madre de cinco hijos fue asesinada por su ex marido Fotis Dulos en su casa de New Canaan. Su cuerpo aún no ha sido encontrado.

El proyecto de ley ahora se enviará al gobernador Ned Lamont para su aprobación. Para obtener más información, haga clic aquí. *By Iris Rodriguez*

## La caravana festival Puertorriqueño



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## ¡Feliz aniversario!

Sra. Angela Portilla y su esposo Sr. Henry Portilla, celebrando su aniversario 51 junto a su familia en La Fonda Restaurant. La Diferente Radio y Hartford newspapers les desea muchas. *By Iris Rodriguez*



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